Renovation on the office accommodation of Central Ministers

2789. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred so far by each Cabinet Minister/Minister of State/Deputy Minister on renovation of his office after his appointment separately for civil works, electrical works and furnishing;

(b) the similar expenditure incurred on the office block of his residence;

(c) whether any complaints have been received or have come to the notice of Government about electrical gadgets and furnishings ordered by the Ministry concerned for use in office but being used in residences of Ministers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in the matter; and

(e) what are the ceilings laid down by the Finance Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collecte and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(e) No ceiling has been laid down for carrying out minor civil and electrical works, including additional/alteration, in the office rooms and the office portion of the residences of Ministers. A ceiling of Rs. 45,000/- has been laid down for providing furniture, furnishing etc. in the office and office portion of the residences of ministers.

Allotment of houses/properties to Congress-I and its front organisation

2790. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government on renovation/repair/upkeep and alterations of each property allotted to Congress-I and its front organisations and office bearers during the period 1985 to 1989; and also during the period thereafter;

(b) the dues against each such property as on 31st July, 1990; and

(c) the details of guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Development of Jaipur and Bhubaneshwar

2791. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have in the recent past sanctioned any additional funds for bringing about improvement in the major cities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the amount sanctioned for cities like Jaipur in Rajasthan and Bhubaneswar in Orissa and amount spent thereon, so far?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) An amount of Rs. 100.00 crores has been sanctioned as a Special Grant to the Government of Maharashtra to meet the acute problems of housing and slums in Bombay.

(ii) On the recommendation of the Ninth Finance Commission a one-time Grant of Rs. 50.00 crores each has been sanctioned to the Government's of Maharashtra and West Bengal for slum clearance, environment improvement of slums and provision of basic amenities in the cities